FOREST DEPARTMENT.

Notification dated 16th February 1903.

1. It is hereby notified for general information that the right of felling and removing (subject to the following conditions) fuel in the below-mentioned coupes of Handigundi and Hultar State Forests of the Closepet Range will be sold by public auction by the District or the Range Forest Officer on the 7th March 1903 at Bidadi :—

Name of Forest.	No. of working circle.	No. of coupe.	Probable area in acres.	Kinds of trees.	Probable yield per acre.	Distance to the Railway station.	Remarks.
Handigundi State Forest.	I	1	130	Chuglu, kulve, ejee pachari hesaray, hurugalu, kagli devadari, thupri chanmange, goravi, nowladi, dindiga, hulay, alu jagalganti, mukarthi, &c.	About 1½ ton per acre.	About 3 to 4 miles to Bidadi.	On two sides the coupe is defined by a cleared line and on the other two sides nalas, natural water courses form the boundary. Fairly flat piece of forest.
Do ...	II	1	200	Do ...	About 2½ tons per acre.	5 to 7 miles to Bidadi.	On 3 sides there is a cleared line the 4th forming the ridge of the hill on which there is a cart track. Half hilly and the other flat.
Do ...	III	1	80	Do ...	Do	Do	The whole coupe is a flat piece of forest.
Hultar State Forest.	I	1	130	Do ...	About 1½ tons per acre.	Do ...	On 3 sides there is the demarcation line the other being a nala and one furlong cleared line. Almost the whole coupe is hilly.
Do ...	II	1	140	Do ...	About 2 tons per acre.	2 to 3 miles to Bidadi.	On 3 sides there is a cleared line and the other forms the side of the Hultar hill ⅔ flat and ⅓ hilly.

2. The sale is subject to the confirmation of the Conservator of Forests.

3. The Officer conducting the sale reserves to himself the right of accepting or rejecting any bid without assigning any reason for the same.

4. Every bidder shall deposit Rs. 25 before he is permitted to bid, which, except in the case of the approved bidder, will be returned at the close of the sale. This money plus Rs. 25 which the successful bidder is to deposit as security shall be invested in the Government Savings Bank, as security for due fulfilment of the terms of the contract.

5. The successful bidder shall pay for each consignment of fuel as it is measured. He shall also execute a bond or mutchalika on a properly stamped paper binding himself to the following conditions, failing which, the compartment will be re-sold at the risk of the original purchaser, who shall make good any loss which may arise from such re-sale but shall not participate in the profit should there be any.

Conditions.

(1) All the trees, with the exception of sandalwood, gallnut, tamarind, jalari and marked out standards, which will not average more than 40 per acre, and seedlings and saplings under 1 foot in girth, shall be cut flush with the ground.

(2) If any sandal trees be damaged while felling or carting fuel, the contractor shall pay to Government such amount of damage as may be fixed by the District Forest Officer.

(3) Tangadi and kakke shrubs are not included in the present sale, nor are fruit trees, (such as byala) and trees yielding minor forest produce such as tamarind and gallnuts. If any trees (excepting sandal, gallnut, tamarind and standards) are indiscriminately hacked by the contractor or by his men, they will be coppiced departmentally; the cost incurred being recovered from the security deposit of Rs. 50 for every coupe.

(4) The felling and removal of the fuel shall be finished by the end of July 1903 and in the event of this not being done, the money already paid shall be forfeited to Government, as also the right of felling and removal of any wood after that date.

(5) Licenses shall be issued by the Range Forest Officer on payment of seigniorage on the produce which the contractor desires to collect at the accepted rate per cart-load of 34 cubic feet or per ton of 68 cubic feet. Passports for the removal will be granted by the Forest official on the spot.

(6) No fuel shall be cut in or carted from the coupe on any day before sunrise or after sunset. The contractor shall account for the occurrence of any fire within the coupe assigned to him or along the cart-tracks he may use during the fire season, *i. e.*, from 1st February 1903 to 31st May 1903 if there is sufficient ground for the District Forest Officer to think that it has been caused by the contractor's negligence or by that of his employés.

(7) Should the contractor's cartmen cut or remove any green fuel in the forest or District forest, while passing through to the railway station, they will be liable to prosecution under the Forest Regulation.

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